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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER PROPOSES \$36,000 IN PENALTIES TO THE PLACER COUNTY SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Sacramento —The Placer County Facility Services Department faces \$36,000 in penalties for violations of effluent limitations for treated sewage at the Placer County Sewer Maintenance District No. 1 Wastewater Treatment Plant. The wastewater treatment plant serves the unincorporated area of North Auburn.

The Assistant Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has issued an Administrative Civil Liability complaint for assessment of Mandatory Minimum Penalties (MMPs) under the California Water Code, section 13385, for violations of effluent limitations at the plant. (Under MMPs, the Water Board is required to assess the penalties in specific amount.)

The penalty represents the sum of the statutory MMPs for effluent limitation violations that occurred at the plant from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2007. The discharger violated the effluent limitations for ammonia, bis-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, bromodichloromethane, chlorine residual, pH, total coliform organisms, total suspended solids, and turbidity (muddiness or cloudiness).

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency tasked with preservation and enhancement of quality in water resources. The Board may consider the complaint at its regular public board meeting on September 11 or 12, 2008.